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Letter dated 2 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instruction from my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith a communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, regarding the reopening of the border between the Republic of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, effective 3 July 2004, 0600 hours local time (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Stanislas **Kamanzi**
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Communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Considering the meeting that took place in Abuja on 25 June 2004 between the Presidents Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo which saw both Presidents recommitting themselves to the implementation of the Pretoria Agreement, through reactivating the joint verification mechanism expeditiously and taking steps to address all other issues outstanding under the Pretoria Agreement, especially the disarmament, demobilization, repatriation and rehabilitation of the *ex-Forces armées rwandaises* (ex-FAR)/*Interahamwe* by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

And hoping that the Democratic Republic of the Congo fulfils its commitment to the resolutions of the Abuja meeting,

Considering humanitarian grounds and requests from the international community,

The Government of Rwanda announces the reopening of the border between the Republic of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, effective as of 3 July 2004, 0600 hours local time.

Done at Kigali, 2 July 2004